

Sluggers get in the zone today

A 14-day break from games only means the Colby Sluggers would love to cause havoc during these next two weeks.

Zone tournaments begin tonight with every team's ultimate goal being Aug. 4 and the Legion baseball state championship game in Pratt.

Of course, the first goal is to make state as Colby takes on host Goodland at 5 p.m. today.

Top seed Ellis, Norton and Ulysses also begin pursuit of a Zone 7 championship. Today's 3 p.m. opener features Norton battling Ulysses for the right to challenge Ellis at 7 p.m.

These Sluggers know something about great success at Goodland. Just more than a month ago, Colby conquered four tough opponents including Goodland and Ellis en route to the Levi Hayden Memorial Tournament title.

Ellis actually trounced Colby 12-2 during round-robin play, but the Sluggers enjoyed revenge with a 9-6 triumph in the title game.

Overall, coach Jared Hamilton's team has posted a 5-1 record over Zone 7 opponents. The Sluggers'



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Just like this determined swing during the home finale last month, the Colby Sluggers expect to bring a lot of intense focus into zone tournament play starting today against host Goodland.

only loss was a 9-3 setback to Goodland in their previous action on July 10.

Today's winner advances into a

5 p.m. contest on Thursday; a loss would mean the 7 p.m. elimination game.

The title game is set for 7 p.m.

on Friday.

A second deciding contest would be 5 p.m. on Saturday if necessary.

College golf tournament

In other local sports, openings remain for the Colby Community College Men's Basketball Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 16.

Registration for the four-person scramble will be at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Contact coach Rusty Grafel for more information at (785) 475-8360.

Brewster boy reaches top five of Ten Mile

Brewster's Layton Werth finished fifth among 31 athletes who ran the 42nd Lake Atwood Ten Mile Sunday morning in Atwood.

Werth, age 17, led all runners younger than 20 with his time of 1:06.37. He was also second among Kansas runners only Jonny Bernasky from Garden City finished faster (56:55) for fourth place.

Ernest Kebenei of Santa Fe, N.M., won the race as he posted a record-breaking time of 50:38. He topped the previous all-time fastest effort of Wales' Peter Williams (51:07).

Colorado Springs runners

Jared Abuya (52:24) and Tommy Neal (53:59) completed the men's top three.

"Some of the Ten Mile times were quite good," race director Charles Peckham remarked. Peckham said the Atwood Ten Mile is currently Kansas' longest-running annual race.

Colby 16-year-old Eric Schuette (22nd, 1:35:48) and 51-year-old Gary Schutte (24th, 2:02:33) also successfully finished the men's Atwood Ten Mile.

Riley Sigler of Cozad, Neb., won the women's Ten Mile with her time of 1:15.47. Just six women completed the race.

Can Wildcats scratch together a good 'D'?

DALLAS (AP) — Though finding a starting quarterback to replace Collin Klein was easily the hot topic for Kansas State at Big 12 Media Days on Monday, perhaps the bigger questions facing the Wildcats this season fall on the defensive side of the ball.

K-State, picked to finish sixth in the Big 12, lost nine defensive starters. The Wildcats, coming off their second Big 12 championship, return just senior linebacker

Tre Walker and senior safety Ty Zimmerman.

Last season the Wildcats were third in the Big 12 in total defense, behind only TCU and Texas Tech. Duplicating that could be a hefty challenge.

K-State coach Bill Snyder understands that argument, but said Monday no matter what his Wildcats do on offense, its not going to slow the opponent's offenses down.

Clubs compete at horse show

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The local 4-H clubs had a horse show on Saturday, July 6.

Here are the remaining results that were not featured last week.

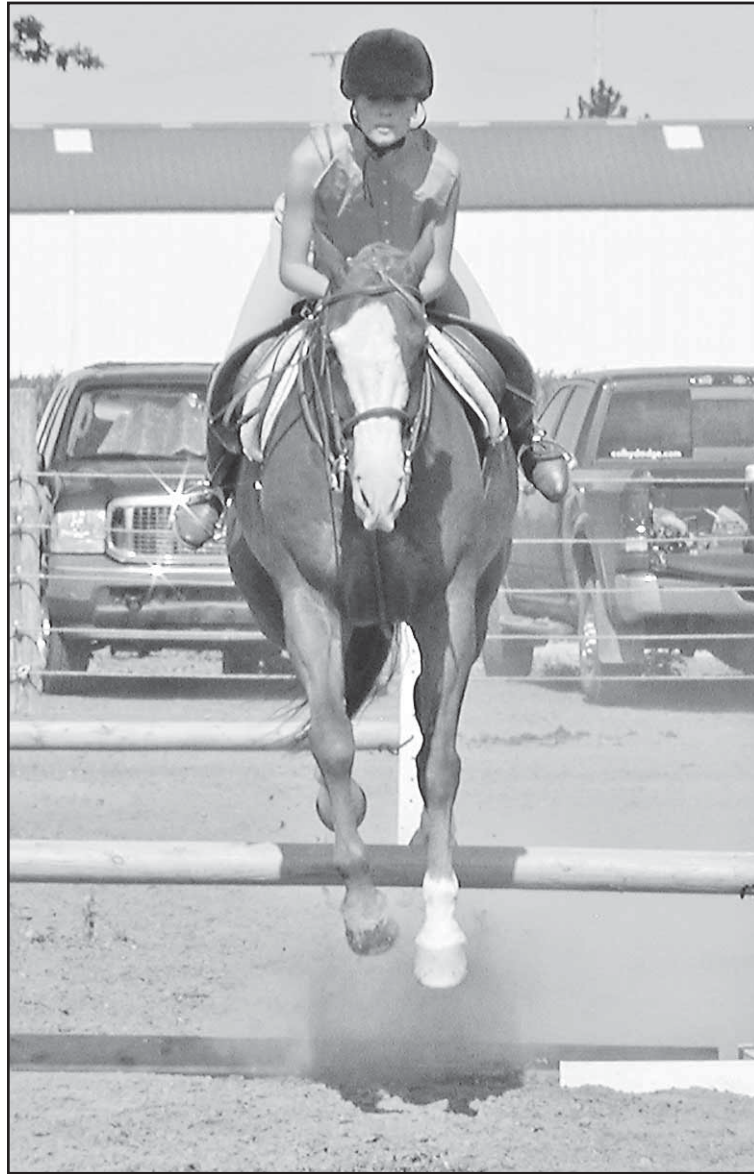
All horse show competitors below age 14 appeared in Friday's edition of the *Free Press*.

14 and up performance

Leigh Ann Maurath, first with 29: 3 in tie-breaker showmanship, 5 in hunter hack over fences, 5 in hunter under saddle, 4 in hunt seat equitation, 4 in western pleasure, 2 in horsemanship, 4 in reining, 5 in trail. Taylor Todd, second with 22: 4 in tie breaker showmanship, 2 in hunter under saddle, 5 in hunt seat equitation, 2 in western pleasure, 5 in horsemanship, 5 in reining, 3 in trail. Kortney Bredemeier, third with 19: 2 in tie breaker showmanship, 4 in hunter hack over fences, 3 in hunter under saddle, 2 in hunt seat equitation, 3 in western pleasure, 4 in horsemanship, 1 in reining, 2 in trail. Ashlyn Moeder, fourth with 16: 5 in tie-breaker showmanship, 3 in hunter hack over fences, 4 in hunter under saddle, 3 in hunt seat equitation, 1 in western pleasure, 3 in horsemanship, 2 in reining. Garrett Nemecheck, fifth with 6: 5 in western pleasure, 1 in trail. Taylor Thummel, sixth with 5. Kami Miller, Chandler Comfort, Michael Maurath, tied for sixth with 4. Miller: 1 in horsemanship, 3 in reining. Comfort: 4 in trail. Maurath: 2 in hunter hack over fences, 1 in hunter under saddle, 1 in hunt seat equitation.

14 and up speed

Moeder and Leigh Ann Maurath: tied for first with 11. Moeder: 4 in poles (27.75), 3 (17.3), 4 in flags (8.57). Leigh Ann Maurath: 1 in poles (29.14), 5 in barrels (16.84), 5 in flags (8.32). Comfort, second with 8: 5 in poles (24.31), did not place in barrels, 3 in flags (9.13). Miller, third with 7: 3 in poles (28.32), 4 in barrels (17.12),



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Kortney Bredemeier rode her horse through the hunter hack over fences race during a 4-H horse show July 6 at the small arena at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

did not place in flags. Todd, fourth with 6: 2 in western pleasure (28.84), 2 in barrels (17.43), 2 flags (9.34). Thummel and Michael Maurath, tied for fifth with 1. Thummel: did not place in poles, 1 in barrels (17.9), did not place in flags. Michael Maurath: did not place in poles, barrels, 1 in flags (11.03).

Halter Mares: Cole Ziegelmeier, first, Isabella Skolout, second, Lizzie Cornell, third, Hunter House, fourth, Abbey Schmeiser, fifth.
Halter Geldings: Michael Maurath, first, Grace Oard, second, Christian Koch, third, Tylor Todd, fourth, Leigh Ann Maurath, fifth. Pleasure Pairs: Kortney Bredemeier and Taylor Todd, first (623 and 627).
Michael and Leigh Ann Maurath, second (616 and 615).

2013 THOMAS COUNTY FAIR Schedule of Events

Monday, July 29th

- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Open class entries at the 4-H building
- 6 p.m. Registration Muttin Busting
- 7 p.m. Muttin Busting - Sponsored by: Orschelns
- 8 p.m. Queen Contest & KPRA Rodeo

Tuesday, July 30th

- 8 a.m. all 4-H entries arrive
- 5:30 p.m. Parade, "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams"
- 7 p.m. Carnival begins
- 8 p.m. Rodeo with "calf dressing" Sponsored by: Foley CAT

Wednesday, July 31st

- 4 p.m. Registration for pedal tractor pull
- 5:30 p.m. Free BBQ
- 7:30 p.m. Texaco Country Showdown

Thursday, August 1st

- 7:30 a.m. Thomas Co. Community Foundation Breakfast at the 4-H building
- 5:30 p.m. 4-H livestock sale and buyers appreciation BBQ

Friday, August 2nd

- 8 p.m. Concert: **Restless Heart** Brought to you by Rocking M Radio and Thomas County Fair Board

Saturday, August 3rd

- 8 p.m. Demo Derby - Sponsored by: Cornerstone Ag

Carnival

- Tuesday - Saturday 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tues. F&M Bank Wristband Night Sat. \$10 Wristband Night for all rides

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Rexford Cemetery
Thomas County

will meet on August 1, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. at Rexford City Building for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Gary Hibbs Residence: 2335 County Rd 35, Rexford, KS 67753 and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2012		Current Year Estimate for 2013		Proposed Budget Year for 2014		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	4,759	2.939	39,788	2.543	17,893	13,589	2.518
Debt Service							
Totals	4,759	2.939	39,788	2.543	17,893	13,589	2.518
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	4,759		39,788		17,893		
Total Tax Levied	11,401		11,546		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:	3,879,860		4,540,486		5,397,517		

Outstanding Indebtedness,

	2012	2013	2014
Jan 1,			
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Gary Hibbs
President